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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: Stu's Views

Dear Members:

Who cares about your collection?

Many and most of us have spent a good part of our lives putting together our own coin collection for our own enjoyment. What you really are is a guardian of your treasures that you have put together and in later years hope to pass on to someone that will treat them as you have for so many years. Here are some thoughts to consider for preserving your collection:

1. Do I have a record of all coins and has it been up-dated with some regularity?
2. Do I have a record of what is in my collection?
3. Did I photograph any rare or scare coins?
4. Are coins stored properly and tagged or will someone have to figure out what to do with them?
5. Last but not least, what would I like to have happen to my collection when I am finished with it and did I do everything to see that this happens?

The one thing I am sure all of us have said at one time or another is "I have it and don't intend to sell or trade it--ever!" But, remember that someday this coin or collection will belong to someone else so as a guardian you must keep your treasures at their best for the next generation to enjoy.

These thoughts I am sure have passed through our minds and perhaps this will help put them in their proper places.

Stuart Denton
NCNA President

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: News and Happenings

Enclosed with this Issue is the latest 'Coin Club List', a regular service of NCNA.

I strongly suggest that coin clubs inform Mr. Wallis of changes and that NCNA Heads and Tales readers use this List and share it with their fellow collectors.

Requests for additional copies and reporting information, please send to: "O. L. Wallis, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, CA, 94903".

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

In the First Edition of NCNA Heads and Tales, I told some things about myself as an introduction for NCNA Heads and Tales readers. In that Issue, readers learned that this Editor has many pursuits which is a result of his feeling that life is full of so many wonderful interests and activities.

What I would like to reflect on in this Issue is my numismatic affiliations. Presently, I belong to NCNA, obviously, California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), Fairfield Coin Club, Napa Valley Coin Club, Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, and Vallejo Numismatic Society.

Belonging to and being part of a coin club has several benefits. First, there is the opportunity to meet other collectors and to deal and buy and sell with the club members, in the auction or bid board, or at the dealer's tables. Also, the club's programs can and do add to one's numismatic knowledge. In addition, the meeting and the club's social activities offer time for relaxation and fun.

These reasons are well known in our hobby and have been written and reflected by others before in far more eloquent words. It is for these reasons that I belong to the numismatic organizations given above and plus one other.

It is simply: fellowship. Fellowship and its companion, friendship, are the most valuable benefit of belonging and being part of a coin club or any organization. Neither fellowship or friendship are bountiful. However, at least in the numismatic organizations that I am member of such benefit is plentiful, free, and open to all.

Belonging to a coin club, attending its meetings, participating in its activities, and working and serving for it will not reward one in the pocketbook. Years ago before I joined a coin club, I thought that if I joined a coin club that I wanted in returned concrete benefits in excess of my dues. Then I matured and grew up to realize the benefits would come only if I joined and belonged, participated, and worked. The benefits would not be monetary or material, but in the mind and heart. The fellowship in being part of a coin club or any organization is felt and known, as soon I learned, in one's own mind and heart and that it was there for the taking.

In a world with so much uncertainty, rapid change, and suffering, we need the comfort and support of our fellow man. So why deny one's chance to enjoy both one's hobby and the company of others? Is not the fellowship for even a few hours at a monthly meeting worth it? All the gold and silver in the world could not surpass the value of fellowship.

Briefly, on another topic, 'The Mintmaster's Quill' editorial in

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

NCNA Board of Directors Meetings

The remaining two 1982 quarterly Meetings of the NCNA Board of Directors are:

August 22, 1982
November 28, 1982

NCNA invites Member Clubs to send a voting delegate to these Sunday afternoon Meetings. These Meetings begin at 1:30 PM and are held at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco. Check at the Hotel's Registration Desk for room location.

NCNA Library

NCNA Librarian, Dick Smith, will be having disruptions and changes in his work schedule over the next several months. Thus, those corresponding with and borrowing books from the NCNA Library are asked to be patient and to send their requests far in advance of actual time of need. Please be cooperative and accept delays.

Those interested in borrowing books or finding out what is available are asked to contact: "Dick Smith, NCNA Librarian, PO Box 11182, Palo Alto, CA, 94306". Please include your full name and current mailing address with Zip Code.

The last Library Listing was published in Second Issue, July, 1981, of NCNA Heads and Tales.

1983 Officers

President Stuart Denton has appointed Carl Windon, O. L. Wallis, and George Tyson to be the Nominating/Election Committee for the 1983 officers' election.

Officers to be elected for a one year term are: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The election by mail ballot shall be later this summer, and the results will be announced at the NCNA September Show and Convention. The provisions governing this election are provided for in NCNA's By-Laws, Article V, Sections 5.01 thru 5.06.

The qualifications for seeking elected office are to have been a NCNA member in continuous good standing for two or more years (President and Vice-Presidents require three years with one or more years of active service on the Board of Directors) and to file in writing one's candidacy or acceptance of nomination with the Nominating/Election Committee.

Qualified and interested NCNA members are encouraged to contact the

Nominating/Election Committee: "Carl Windon, Nominating/Election Committee, 9760 Burgos, Oakland, CA, 94605". All NCNA members are asked upon receiving their ballots to vote and to return promptly.

NCNA Coin Show Schedule

The June, 1982 issue of the 'Coin Show Schedule', a regular NCNA service, is enclosed with this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales.

As has been informed before, northern California coin clubs are invited to have their coin shows listed. It is imperative that coin clubs report with the details at least six months to a year in advance of the actual date. Please refer to the heading on the Schedule for instructions, and please report all necessary details including correct addresses.

NCNA 1982 September Show and Convention

September 23, 24, 25, and 26 are the dates for this year's NCNA Show and Convention at the Jack Tar Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco.

President Stuart Denton has appointed Otis Mills to be Exhibit Chairman. Potential exhibitors are invited to participate, and NCNA traditionally awards an outstanding group of quality trophies. Mr. Mills can be contacted through "Elmer Benson, NCNA Secretary, PO Box 1884, Burlingame, CA, 94010".

Denis M. Hooker will again coordinate the Bourse. Mr. Hooker can be reached at "65 Post, San Jose, CA, 95113; 408-295-1488".

Publicity for this 1982 NCNA Show and Convention will be handled by "George Tyson, Publicity Chairman, PO Box 44, Concord, CA, 94522; 415-687-1625".

Enclosed with this Issue is one book of six tickets to the Raffle at this year's NCNA Show and Convention. The prizes are:

First--U.S. Ten Dollar Gold Coin
Second--U.S. Five Dollar Gold Coin
Three Third--U.S. Silver Dollars

The drawing for this Raffle will be at 4:00 PM, Sunday, not 3:00 PM as reported in the previous Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of six for \$5.00. NCNA members are encouraged to sell or to purchase tickets. Please complete stubs fully, and list full name with home phone number. Send money, in check preferred, and ticket stubs to: "Fred Lutjens, Raffle Coordinator, 427 Capp, San Francisco, CA, 94110". An envelope addressed with Mr. Lutjens' address is enclosed for your convenience.

If you want additional Raffle tickets or if tickets and envelope are missing or lost from this Issue, please contact Mr. Lutjens.

NCNA members are invited to try their luck in this Raffle.

The highlight at this year's NCNA Show and Convention, as reported in the previous Issue, will be an Auction by Pacific Auction Galleries. Ron J. Gillio, who represents this firm, states a catalog will be available. Those desiring more information on this Auction are asked to contact:

Pacific Auction Galleries
1103 State
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
800-235-6937
805-963-1345

The dates and times for this Auction will be September 23, 24, and 25, hours 7:00 pm to about 10:00 PM. The location for these three auction sessions will be in the Jack Tar Hotel, but as of this date, no exact room has been assigned.

The first session on September 23rd will consist of some five hundred lots which will include Mexican proclamation medals, Honduran coins, counterstamp coins of the world, and world gold coins.

The second session on September 24th will also consist of some five hundred lots which will include mostly United States coins, copper thru gold, plus 18th Century rarities.

The last session on September 25th will also consist of some five hundred lots which will include world copper and silver coins.

The total approximate worth of coins in the three sessions is half million dollars. Mr. Gillio states, "This Auction will provide coins which are affordable for both the average coin collector and very rare coins in the five figure range for the experienced collector; so that overall, no collector will be left out".

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: News and Happenings

Received just in time to be included in this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales a news release from the Peninsula Coin Club.

The PCC reports that its annual one day coin show will be on Sunday, November 14, 1982, at the Hyatt Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, hours: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Those desiring Bourse Tables or information on this coin show are asked to contact: "Fred G. Van Den Haak, Peninsula Coin Club, PO Box 11484, Palo Alto, CA, 94306".

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Delta Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Napa Valley Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Santa Cruz Coin Club

Delta Coin Club Had a 'Monte Carlo Night' at its May 14th meeting which each member and guest receiving two thousands dollars in play money to use in games as Black Jack and redeem for prizes donated by club members. November 20th and 21st are the dates for DCC's annual coin show.

Diablo Numismatic Society Is keeping up with the latest technology as its mailing list is stored on an IBM floppy diskette and its membership records stored in the memory of an Apple computer. A slide program on United States copper coins was shown at the April 15th meeting, and a twenty question Coin Quiz with the prize of a recent proof set was the program at the May 20th meeting. SAM RUMPH continues his "Numi-Stats" column in the Diablo Die-Break: "The picture of a key which appears on Treasury Seals of all United States notes signifies official authority." DENNIS DANIEL, Diablo's young and honored President and nationally known and award-winning Editor, in the Diablo Die-Break's May issue paid tribute to one of the leaders of northern California numismatics: MAXINE M. BRYCE. The June 17th meeting was a Swap Meet.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Held its 10th Annual Vallejo Coin Show last April 25th. The Exhibit winners were: MICHAEL S. TURRINI with President's Trophy; PAUL HOLTZMAN, First Place; BOB KEEGAN, Second Place, and ROGER JONES, Third Place plus DAVID ARIETTA with Junior Award. The April 7th meeting was the VNS' annual Hobby Night with hobbies from model railroading, motorcycles, medical instruments, old bottles, and the HMS Titanic represented. May 5th meeting was the annual 'Ladies and Men's Night'; the meeting given to fun and relaxation with refreshments and games: "We played several games, and the big winner was GENE FEIERSTEIN who aced both Guessing Games. The English Pennies in a quart mason jar

were 416; he guessed 412! The coin and number hidden in the small box were eleven clad dimes; he guessed it exactly!" CALVIN O. WILSON spoke at the June 2nd meeting on the 'Bushnell Collection'. May 1, 1983 at Dan Foley Cultural Center is the date for the VNS' 11th Annual Vallejo Coin Show.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Will strike a limited edition of one hundred silver medals to honor its most unique event in decades: its upcoming "800th Meeting". This meeting will be celebrated at an open house and buffet on Sunday, 2 to 5, November 14, 1982, at the Telephone Museum, 1145 Larkin, San Francisco. Those desiring information on this historic event should contact: "DON T. THRALL, PCNS Treasurer, 610 Arlington, Berkeley, 94707". At the April 28th meeting, DR. J. ALLEN GILBERT'S and VIRGINIA HALL'S award-winning papers were presented; these papers were winners in the 1981 PCNS Papers Contest, and DR. GILBERT'S "Numismatic Trail of Knight's of St. John" was read by BRIAN KESSLER and MRS. HALL'S "Northern Eagle" read by DAVID CIENIEWICZ. May 26th meeting had DR. Howard C. LONSDALE talking on 'English Copper Coins'. The June meeting was the Annual Banquet coordinated by FRANK STRAZZARINO. LARRY REPPETEAU is Acting Editor for MAXINE M. BRYCE who is still recuperating from her recent long sickness.

Napa Valley Coin Club 1983 officers are: RALPH ZAKRAJSEK, President; BOB BINGHAM, Vice-President; JOHN LEDGER, Treasurer, and JULIE MALONE, Secretary. NVCC has set the date for its 1983 19th Annual Coin Show will be March 20, 1983. NVCC meets the third Wednesday evening of each month at American Legion Hall, Randolph and Pearl streets, Napa.

Peninsula Coin Club Meets on the third Monday evening of each month in the Garden Room of the Northern California Savings and Loan, 300 Hamilton, Palo Alto. Its monthly newsletter has begun publishing numismatic definitions.

Redwood Empire Coin Club Had OZZIE STOUT talking at its March meeting, and had short reviews on the individual coin that started one's collecting hobby at its April 15th meeting. WALTER GERTH showed slides on his world famous 'Odd and Curious Collection' at the May 12th meeting. At the June 9th meeting, each member present was asked to review him or herself, so that their fellow members could get to know each other better.

Cupertino Coin Club Began its thirteenth year at its April 2nd meeting. RUDY GJUROVICH was presented Life Membership #37 which corrected an oversight and made him eligible for the membership drawing. The 1982 CCC officers are: BOB KEEGAN, President; DAN SHATTUC, Vice-President; BRIAN WINER, Junior Vice-President; BILL LEGG, Recording Secretary; DARROW CROWE, Corresponding Secretary, and RAY ERKSON, Treasurer. HUGH CHAPPELLE, retiring President, was presented a plaque for his two years of dedicated service. May 7th meeting had DICK SMITH talking on his specialty, "Guerrilla Currency of the Philippines". June 5th meeting was Other Hobby Night,

and the July meeting was Junior Special Exhibit Night with the Junior members preparing and presenting competitive displays.

San Francisco Coin Club 1982 officers are: BRIAN KESTNER, President; HANS HANSSON, Vice-President; PAUL SNEDAKER, Treasurer, and STEVE ARIETTA, Secretary. GARY HOLLOWAY spoke on a most timely topic, 'The Falkland Islands' at the May 25th meeting. MR. HOLLOWAY had visited the Islands as part of a marine study. Exhibit winners at the recent March 28th 19th Annual San Francisco Coin Fair were: "With his exhibit, "Coin Corrosion", DAVID ARIETTA took top honors in the Junior Category and won the Harry Huntington Junior Award and a First Place Plaque. ERIC HANSSON received a Second Place junior prize. Best of Show Plaque and the Roy Hill Award (for the best exhibit by a SFCC member) were presented to ROSE HUNTINGTON or her exhibit, "Alphabet of Nations". Other winners were: U.S. Category: First--DAVID W. LANGE; Third--RAY OWENS; Foreign: First--VICTOR TITOFF; Second--GARY ACQUISTAPACE; Third--PAUL HOLTZMAN; Miscellaneous: First--O. L. WALLIS; Second--JOHN SEARS; THIRD--FRED LUTJENS". (from SFCC's April issue of Two Cents Worth)

Fremont Coin Club Newsletter is now titled The Double Eagle. This name was suggested by KEN BAUER who won a 1/10 gold Rand for his idea. To help celebrate 1982 National Coin Week, FCC had exhibits on display at a savings and loan in downtown Fremont. The May 25th meeting had BILL WEBER talking on his Half Cent collection. June 27th was the date for FCC's annual golf tournament. CALVIN WILSON, current FCC President, was the 'Spotlight' feature in the April issue of The Double Eagle. Mr. Wilson who is a nationally known authority and dealer in numismatic literature also has another credit to his varied career and interests: "As a youngster living in Maine, he had the largest collection of non-poisonous snakes in the state". Who says coin collectors are only interested in coins? August 15th will be the date for the 10th Annual Fremont Coin Club Show. See enclosed Coin Show Directory for details.

Fairfield Coin Club Held its annual May Potluck last May 26th, and it was a riot: good fun, good games, good food, and good fellowship. I should know as I attended and was the featured speaker and games coordinator. There was a stampede when I offered a choice bottle of Chablis for a telephone credit card. The top prize in the raffle was a 1979 Type II Proof Set which was won by STEVE CARBONARO.

San Jose Coin Club Has moved its third Wednesday evening meetings to the "Santa Clara County Service Center, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose". The new SJCC officers are: LARRY BENSON, President; KEN BARR, Vice-President; TIM ARCHER, Junior Vice-President; LINDAY KEEGAN, Recording Secretary; MARSHALL MYERS, Corresponding Secretary, and WALLY WALLAKER, Treasurer. JOHN FRENCH with his design showing the Japanese Friendship Garden won the 1983 SJCC Medal Contest. JIM GLOVER showed slides on the SJCC Annual April Banquet at the May 19th meeting. ED SINS spoke at the June 16th meeting on his collecting interest, 16th Century Mexican Coinage.

Gateway Coin Club Reports that "Postage Stamp Bingo is a game in which you try to fill in all 8 spaces that lie around the "free space". Numbers in the "B" and "O" column are not called". Thanks, I wanted to know that. At the May 20th meeting, JOHN HOFMANN spoke on 'World Coins'. WILLARD SCHROEDER is GCC's new Vice-President replacing RECK MESSER who moved up to President. JERE' LEFEVER provided the refreshments at the May 26th meeting as a thank you for all those who worked on the recent GCC coin show.

Liberty Numismatic Society Had FRANK STAZZARINO talk on the Buffalo Nickel at its April 6th meeting. The May meeting was the annual White Elephant Sale auctioned by STUART DENTON with all proceeds going to the LNS. The June 1st meeting had two speakers, JOE WARGO and TED PECK, on Gold and Silver. The LNS under its President, EDGAR FULWIDER, recently hosted the April CSNA Convention, and MR. FULWIDER to show his appreciation provided a cake for the June meeting refreshments.

Santa Cruz Coin Club Reports that its 17th Annual Coin Show will be on Sunday, November 7, 1982, at the "CPDES Hall, 216 Evergreen, Santa Cruz". Hours will be from 10 to 5, and admission is free. STEVE ZELEZIC is the Bourse Chairman, and he can be reached at "Santa Cruz Coin Club, PO Box 991, Santa Cruz, CA 95061". The SCCC's 14th Annual Medal will be available at the door on the date of the coin show or send your remittance of \$1.50 to "RAY BRILES, c/o PO Box 991, Santa Cruz, CA 95061".

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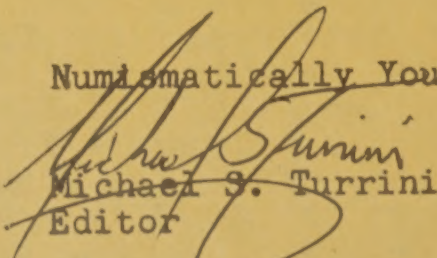
the last Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales caused some questioning which in itself is good, since it means some do read this Editor's views.

As a qualification to that editorial discussion, it is my belief that those--NCNA member or not--who find fault with NCNA--no matter who they are or where they live--should come forth, state their complaint, and offer something constructive.

For anyone who felt offended or misunderstood my meaning, I hope this qualification clarifies the previous 'The Mintmaster's Quill' editorial discussion, and I invite comments and reviews on this issue or any editorial discussion given in NCNA Heads and Tales.

Best Wishes and Thanks.

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor

PROOF STRIKES: Special Recognition

King of the Coin Collectors

Rudy Gjurovich, long-time exponent of our hobby, last May celebrated his 82nd birthday. Mr. Gjurovich since the 1940's has promoted our hobby with his famous and colorful suit decorated with coins, tokens, and paper money plus top hat signed 'King of the Coin Collectors'.

At the recent April CSNA Convention, Krause Publications represented by CSNA Vice-President Charles G. Colver presented the renowned 'Numismatic Ambassador' Award to Mr. Gjurovich.

As previously reported, Mr. Gjurovich was honored as the first person enrolled and enshrined in San Jose Coin Club's perpetual 'Honor Roll'.

Both honors are rightly deserved by Rudy Gjurovich for his decades of hobby work and promotion.

For those who may not know, in addition to his numerous services to San Jose Coin Club in which he has membership #1 and to California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) from which he received back in 1968 its highest honor, 'Medal of Merit', Mr. Gjurovich served as NCNA President in 1967 and 1968.

It is good to hear that he is in good health and still attending coin club meetings. NCNA Heads and Tales, your Editor, and NCNA itself wishes Rudy Gjurovich and his wife, Frieda, many more years of good health and active life and congratulate him on his honors and thank him for years of service and dedication to NCNA and most importantly to our hobby of numismatics.

PCNS 800th Meeting

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society will celebrate and commemorate its 800th Meeting this November. This Meeting is an historic occasion in our hobby, as there could be very few coin clubs in the entire United States that can claim such an longevity. The PCNS traces its extensive and honored history back to June, 1915.

NCNA Heads and Tales and your Editor recognize this outstanding event and extend to the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society and its members and officers under the leadership of current President Lori Reppeteau our most sincere congratulations and well wishes.

Your Editor strongly suggests that fellow coin clubs send their congratulations and well wishes to the PCNS.

Those desiring more information on this historic event, should contact: "Don T. Thrall, PCNS Treasurer, 610 Arlington, Berkeley, CA, 94707".

Numismatic News 30th Anniversary

Numismatic News, our hobby's oldest weekly periodical, celebrates its 30th year of publication this year. The actual Anniversary will be commemorated on July 17th at Krause Publications, the parent company, headquarters in Iola, Wisconsin.

Recently, your Editor received news release and promotional brochures from Krause Publications, and NCNA was well-represented: Rudy Gjurovich, the King of the Coin Collectors, Lillian Hooker, past NCNA President, and Paul Snedaker, long-time hobby supporter, were pictured in three photos taken some years back and used as publicity background.

NCNA Heads and Tales and your Editor in appreciation for three decades of service to our hobby extend to both Krause Publications and Numismatic News and their President and Founder, Chester L. Krause, as well as the entire Numismatic News staff our most sincere best wishes for another successful thirty years.

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